



General Assembly

**Substitute Bill No. 5373**

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**AN ACT EXPANDING CERTAIN REVERSE AUCTION AUTHORITY TO  
THE PURCHASE OF CERTAIN SERVICES BY TOWNS, SCHOOL  
DISTRICTS AND STATE AGENCIES.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General  
Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 4a-60b of the general statutes is repealed and the  
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

3 (a) For the purposes of this section:

4 (1) "Reverse auction" means an on-line bidding process in which  
5 qualified bidders or qualified proposers, anonymous to each other,  
6 submit bids or proposals to provide goods, services or supplies  
7 pursuant to an invitation to bid or request for proposals; [and]

8 (2) "Contracting agency" means a state agency with statutory  
9 authority to award contracts for goods or supplies, or a political  
10 subdivision of the state or school district; and

11 (3) "Services" means any (A) laundry and cleaning service, (B) pest  
12 control service, (C) janitorial service, (D) security service, (E) rental,  
13 repair or maintenance of equipment, machinery or other personal  
14 property owned by the state, a political subdivision of the state or a  
15 school district, (F) advertising, (G) photostating, or (H)  
16 mimeographing, where such services are provided by persons other  
17 than employees of the state, a political subdivision of the state or a

18 school district.

19 (b) Notwithstanding any provision of the general statutes,  
20 whenever a contracting agency determines that the use of a reverse  
21 auction is advantageous to the contracting agency and will ensure a  
22 competitive contract award, the contracting agency may use a reverse  
23 auction to award a contract for goods, services, other than construction  
24 or construction management services, or supplies, in accordance with  
25 any applicable requirement of the general statutes and policies of the  
26 contracting agency. The contracting agency may contract with a third  
27 party to prepare and manage any such reverse auction.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	4a-60b

**GAE**      *Joint Favorable Subst.*